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Dear Joshua:

I remember Miss Lively very well. I would be delighted to have her as a technician but, unfortunately, cannot see any way that I could arrange this. True, I have a contract with the A.E.C. and could perhaps have funds for next year. On the other hand, I think it might be wiser to use the funds to support graduate students, so at the moment I cannot offer Miss Lively an opportunity.

I did take the liberty of suggesting her for a position at the Pine Bluff Arsenal at Arsenal, Arkansas. I just today received a letter from Philipp Gerhardt, whom you may know. since he took his degree in bacteriology in Wisconsin two or three years ago, inquiring if I knew of any suitable people for work in "The Seed Laboratory" of that installation. This installation is the production end of Detrick's effort I gather, and the job would be almost wholly routine in nature. They want a Ph.D. in bacterial genetics which seems ridiculous to me, and certainly Miss Lively could supply any genetics knowledge required for this job. Since it is an Army Post, nothing may ever come of it, since she is a female and quite young. I think it would be a shame to waste her talents on such a job, but there might be more opportunity than I am aware of.

I have declined the opportunity to speak at Ames, as I did not feel I was a very appropriate choice. It rather looks now as though I might spend the summer at Oak Ridge.

Unfortunately, I do not know Miss Jeannette Berman, so can give you no help here. I think you will hear from Sorb who does know her.

I would be interested in learning of the response to your letter concerning graduate student opportunities in your laboratory. I have been given the dubious honor of representing our laboratory of bacteriology on the graduate faculty and am somewhat concerned over the present situation.

#2-----Dr. Joshua Lederberg

Are you planning to go to Boston to the bacteriology meetings? I hope to see you there in case you do go.

Greetings to Esther, and I am sorry to be so non-helpful.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Max'.

Max R. Zelle
Professor of Bacteriology

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